

St Bede's School Newsletter

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Spring Issue 2



Times Tables Challenge



Over the last seven weeks the classes in KS2 have been battling against each other on the Times Tables Rockstars website. The children had a chance to design their class logo and then spent a week earning points and battling against each class across KS2. The website targets children with the times tables it detects they need most support on and certificates were awarded each week to the top contributors. The competition has been

extremely close with children in all classes benefiting greatly in keeping up their times tables fluency which as we know is crucial for their maths development. Well done and thank you to all those children who spent many hours competing and earning points for their class. In the end it came down to a 'winner takes all' battle between Year 3 St Anthony and Year 6 St Blaise with both these teams undefeated throughout, going

into this key match. Year 6 St Blaise just came out on top and were crowned champions of the 2021 Tournament (above). A huge well done to Year 3 St Anthony in a very close second and also well done to Year 5 St Josephine class on third place this year. Please continue to encourage your child to play on TT Rockstars and take any opportunity available to check in with them. Times tables really do play a huge

This Sunday's Gospel

John 12:20-33

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.'

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too."



Dates for your Diary

End of term—Wednesday 31st March between 3.05 and 3.25pm.

part in many areas of maths that they learn in school and are applied throughout the year.

Reported by Mr Sharkey (maths lead)

Yr 5 Science Workshop— On Monday and Tuesday, Year 5 took part in a Science workshop run by QMC with a focus on environmental issues. The children were investigating different types of plastic and how they can be recycled, making natural dye using food and plants, and investigating whether food tastes different if it's shaped differently (*top right*). It was interesting to find out how much food farmers and supermarkets throw away just because it isn't shaped correctly! They also made their own food covers using beeswax - a more environmentally friendly and ethical substitute to cling film.

Reported by Miss Philips

Parental Questionnaire— Thanks to all those who have given their views in our parental questionnaire this week. The questionnaire will remain open until next Friday and can be found [here](#). We've no-

ted that a few parents have commented on the lack of information about children's progress this year, but we hope you'll understand that in light of the effects of the pandemic, this has been very difficult to address. We are planning to hold the Spring parents' consultation meetings (that couldn't take place this term), during May so that teachers can give parents an up to date overview at that point. We will also be providing the normal end of year school reports in July.

Cycling Prize— Well done to Riley Fitzpatrick-Thorpe in Year 4 who has just earned £2000 worth of cycling equipment for St Bede's by recently taking part in a traffic awareness competition. The competition run by SRL Traffic Systems invited individuals to spot traffic systems on roads in the UK & Ireland and to take a photo. Children were also invited to share a drawing of a traffic light/ road scene and Riley's entry (*lower right*) was awarded this prize! We look forward to thinking about how we can spend these vouchers!



*Last day of term—*The children's last day of term will be Wednesday 31st March and we will finish at the normal time, between 3.05-3.25pm on that day. Catch-up tutoring and Football Academy (Yr's 1-3) will also run on that day.



Well done to the children who have won these recent awards

Mission Hearts

- Isabel A*
- Clarice M*
- Kacper Z*
- Emilia C*
- Harrison B*
- Aisaaca H*
- Daniel T*
- Susanna G*

- Maks K*
- Anabel S*
- Alice S*

WOW Awards

- Jake M*
- Kalil O*
- Jewel T*



Have a lovely weekend...

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